

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Taxpayers Union recently announced that Congressman Steve King has earned the annual Taxpayers' Friend award. The award honors Members of Congress who have a strong voting record on reducing spending and opposing higher taxes.

"Only the best advocates for limited government in Congress earn the title 'Taxpayers' Friend,' and we're proud to once again recognize Steve King for this great achievement," NTU Vice President for Policy & Communications Pete Sepp said. "Day in and day out, Steve King showed leadership on behalf of overburdened taxpayers in Iowa and across the nation. If every lawmaker had voted as thoughtfully and carefully as he did in 2009, Americans would enjoy lower taxes, a smaller national debt and a better economy than they do today."

Every year, the National Taxpayers Union rates U.S. Representatives and Senators on every vote that affects taxes, spending, and debt. Each vote is weighted based on its effect on federal spending. The 2009 award is based on 333 House votes affecting fiscal policy during the first session of the 111th Congress. 55 Members of the House and Senate attained scores sufficient to earn the Taxpayers' Friend award.

"I am grateful to receive this award from the National Taxpayers Union," King said. "The principles this award is based upon will restore our nation's economic strength and prosperity and create more good-paying jobs."